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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES - JUNE QUARTER, 1966

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes, involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1966.

Table 1 shows a summary of disputes for Australia since 1952, Table 2 the details of disputes in industry groups for each State and Australia and Table 3 a summary of disputes in each State in recent years.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 50, 1962 and 1963.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost		Estimated loss in Wages (\$'000)
		Directly	In-directly (b)	Total	Number	Average per Worker Involved	
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	2.30	6,880
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	2.12	6,675
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	2.44	6,042
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	2.27	6,621
1956	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	2.62	7,934
1957	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	630,213	1.87	4,617
1958	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	1.56	3,181
1959	869	229,469	8,002	237,471	365,039	1.54	2,754
1960	1,145	592,053	11,226	603,279	725,107	1.20	5,854
1961	815	288,526	11,831	300,357	606,811	2.02	5,448
1962	1,183	330,823	23,030	353,853	508,755	1.44	4,244
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	4,992
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	1,346	460,234	14,810	475,044	815,869	1.72	8,198
1964 - June Qtr.	331	152,272	5,110	157,382	195,901	1.25	1,741
Sept. "	401	161,333	3,995	165,328	179,613	1.09	1,709
Dec. "	289	87,848	4,449	92,297	381,525	4.13	3,815
1965 - March Qtr.	311	119,590	3,638	123,228	260,096	2.11	2,857
June "	293	109,002	3,045	112,047	142,925	1.28	1,408
Sept. "	461	175,582	5,550	181,132	288,602	1.59	2,735
Dec. "	281	56,060	2,577	58,637	124,246	2.12	1,198
1966 - March Qtr.	311	136,810	2,205	139,015	221,141	1.59	2,205
June "	334	93,823	2,677	96,500	160,249	1.66	1,564

- (a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.  
(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.



TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1966 (b)

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
<u>NUMBER OF DISPUTES</u>							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	60	..	7	..	..	..	67
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	61	25	5	4	1	..	96
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Food, Drink and Tobacco	13	12	14	..	2	..	41
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	4	..	..	..	1	..	5
Other Manufacturing	22	6	..	2	..	..	30
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	102	43	19	6	4	..	174
Building and Construction	28	8	13	1	6	..	59
Railway and Tramway Services	2	..	..	1	..	..	3
Road and Air Transport	5	2	..	..	..	..	7
Shipping	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Stevedoring	2	1	1	1	..	..	5
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Other Industries (d)	6	3	1	1	1	1	13
<u>TOTAL</u>	210	57	41	10	11	2	334

WORKERS INVOLVED (e)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	14,218	..	608	..	..	..	14,826
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	..	..	..	119	119
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	17,165	6,036	270	408	25	..	23,904
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	134	..	..	..	..	..	134
Food, Drink and Tobacco	5,903	5,603	3,995	..	88	..	15,589
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	1,026	..	..	..	474	..	1,500
Other Manufacturing	5,676	778	..	240	..	..	6,694
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	29,904	12,417	4,265	648	587	..	47,821
Building and Construction	11,499	3,207	3,556	1,000	726	..	20,159
Railway and Tramway Services	62	..	391	36	..	..	489
Road and Air Transport	452	265	..	..	..	..	717
Shipping	1,222	..	..	..	..	..	1,222
Stevedoring	102	38	36	20	..	..	196
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	52	..	..	..	..	..	52
Other Industries (d)	7,406	2,132	526	435	308	92	10,899
<u>TOTAL</u>	64,917	18,059	9,382	2,139	1,621	211	96,500

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) An industrial dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the statistics of "Number of Disputes". In such a case it is included in the industry group which had the largest number of workers involved. Figures of "Workers Involved", "Working Days Lost" and "Estimated Loss in Wages" are allocated to their respective industry groups.

(c) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

For footnotes (d), (e) and (f) see page 3.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1966 (b) - continued

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
<u>WORKING DAYS LOST</u>							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	21,689	..	661	..	..	..	22,350
Other Mining and Quarrying	5,592	..	..	..	..	232	5,824
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	20,950	12,291	341	375	12	..	33,969
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	148	..	..	..	..	..	148
Food, Drink and Tobacco	6,241	16,189	5,969	..	197	..	28,596
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	746	..	..	..	929	..	1,675
Other Manufacturing	10,079	1,120	..	4,930	..	..	16,129
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	38,164	29,600	6,310	5,305	1,138	..	80,517
Building and Construction	16,370	9,894	7,069	500	3,714	..	37,958
Railway and Tramway Services	132	..	202	12	..	..	346
Road and Air Transport	542	263	..	..	..	..	805
Shipping	1,128	..	..	..	..	..	1,128
Stevedoring	49	10	18	10	..	..	87
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	95	..	..	..	..	..	95
Other Industries (d)	7,115	2,741	508	400	290	85	11,139
<u>TOTAL</u>	90,876	42,508	14,768	6,227	5,142	317	160,249

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000) (f)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	212.0	..	6.7	..	..	..	218.7
Other Mining and Quarrying	93.3	..	..	..	..	3.6	96.9
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	195.9	119.5	3.1	3.3	0.1	..	322.0
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	1.3	..	..	..	..	..	1.3
Food, Drink and Tobacco	50.7	125.4	55.3	..	3.0	..	234.4
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	7.0	..	..	..	9.9	..	16.9
Other Manufacturing	104.6	10.3	..	44.2	..	..	159.1
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	359.3	255.3	58.4	47.6	13.0	..	733.6
Building and Construction	186.1	95.1	84.7	4.5	38.4	..	416.7
Railway and Tramway Services	1.1	..	1.7	0.1	..	..	2.9
Road and Air Transport	5.2	2.6	..	..	..	..	7.8
Shipping	9.5	..	..	..	..	..	9.5
Stevedoring	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	..	..	0.9
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	0.8	..	..	..	..	..	0.8
Other Industries (d)	40.0	25.0	4.6	3.6	2.6	0.7	76.5
<u>TOTAL</u>	907.9	378.1	156.4	55.9	54.0	4.3	1,564.3

For footnotes (a), (b) and (c) see page 2.

- (a) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services.
- (b) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.
- (f) For "Estimated Loss in Wages" any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.



TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1961	529	91	123	26	22	14	815
1962	752	166	175	31	28	18	1,183
1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1965	832	208	186	48	33	17	1,346
1965 - June Qtr.	169	54	42	13	6	4	293
Sept. "	293	70	68	8	9	3	461
Dec. "	188	34	36	10	7	4	281
1966 - March Qtr.	216	34	39	10	5	6	311
June "	210	57	41	10	11	2	334

## WORKERS INVOLVED (c)

1961	136,956	52,747	78,240	17,333	9,687	4,661	300,357
1962	208,967	73,245	41,766	11,848	8,363	5,126	353,853
1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1965	251,056	121,798	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,044
1965 - June Qtr.	45,299	45,701	11,072	5,349	3,202	1,066	112,047
Sept. "	105,083	44,593	21,497	4,584	2,502	1,151	181,132
Dec. "	36,756	8,574	4,783	5,864	2,221	265	58,637
1966 - March Qtr.	33,883	61,655	41,335	1,696	258	170	139,015
June "	64,917	18,059	9,382	2,139	1,621	211	96,500

## WORKING DAYS LOST

1961	318,629	72,471	168,958	17,256	23,233	4,622	606,811
1962	303,400	100,606	75,951	14,599	6,300	3,993	508,755
1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1965	367,942	214,300	189,941	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,869
1965 - June Qtr.	54,554	53,679	27,260	4,228	2,437	440	142,925
Sept. "	172,551	81,704	25,091	3,620	3,063	1,049	288,602
Dec. "	57,700	48,084	9,019	6,876	1,250	135	124,246
1966 - March Qtr.	65,223	119,563	28,902	6,557	335	525	221,141
June "	90,876	42,508	14,768	6,227	5,142	317	160,249

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